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At the last meeting the following gentlemen were elected to serve as officers for the coming year :—

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| <i>Director,</i> | . | . | . | . | George H. Horn, M. D. |
| <i>Vice-Director,</i> | . | . | . | . | Charles S. Welles. |
| <i>Treasurer,</i> | . | . | . | . | Ezra T. Cresson. |
| <i>Conservator,</i> | . | . | . | . | Henry Skinner, M. D. |
| <i>Recorder,</i> | . | . | . | . | Henry Skinner, M. D. |
| <i>Publication Committee,</i> | . | . | . | { | James H. Ridings. |
| | | | | { | Charles W. Johnson. |

REPORT OF THE BOTANICAL SECTION.

The Vice-Director of the Botanical Section respectfully reports that the general prosperity noted in other years still continues, though the work of the Conservator is seriously hampered by reason of the crowded condition of the Herbarium shelves.

Meetings have been regularly held except during the Summer recess. Discussions on matters of botanical interest have been frequent, and two original papers of value to general science on the botany of the Peary Expeditions and researches relative to the jelly glands of *Brasenia peltata*, have been accepted for publication in the Proceedings of the Academy.

Donations to the Herbarium have been liberal: reaching the number of 2,599 species; 2,344 were of flowering plants and ferns, of which 596 were new to our collection.

The Section is free from debt. The officers elected for the ensuing year are:

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| <i>Director,</i> | . | . | . | . | W. S. W. Ruschenberger, M. D. |
| <i>Vice-Director,</i> | . | . | . | . | Thomas Meehan. |
| <i>Conservator,</i> | . | . | . | . | John H. Redfield. |
| <i>Recorder,</i> | . | . | . | . | Charles Schaffer, M. D. |
| <i>Recording Sec'y and Treasurer,</i> | | | | | Stewardson Brown. |

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS MEEHAN,
Vice-Director.

REPORT OF THE MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SECTION.

Meetings of the Section have been held at the Academy regularly during the year, except in the summer and in September and October, when most of the members are absent.